

Actively Responding to God's Presence

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Study Text: 1 Samuel 3

"Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The Word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him." - 1 Samuel 3:7 (NIV)

"But Samuel was ministering before the LORD - a boy wearing a linen ephod.... Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD." - 1 Samuel 2:18,21 (NIV)

"And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men." - 1 Samuel 2:26 (NIV)

1. God has always been with us, but we will not have always known _____.

2. God reveals Himself to us _____.

"It is the same with My Word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it." - Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent forth His Word and healed them...." - Psalm 107:19-20 (NIV)

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word." Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

3. We listen for the Word of God because it brings _____.

Discovering the Father's Heart

Study Text: Matthew 13: 14-23

4. The _____ determines how well
we will be able to hear God speak.

"Anyone who is willing to hear should listen and understand! And be sure to pay attention to what you hear. The more you do this, the more you will understand - and even more, besides. To those who are open to My teaching, more understanding will be given. But to those who are not listening, even what they have will be taken away from them." - Mark 4:23-25 (NLT)

"Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." - 1 Samuel 3:9 (NIV)

5. We will hear God more clearly when we are expecting Him
_____ and are listening in a
_____ to whatever He will say.

**"The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground.....
The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there *He revealed Himself to Samuel through His Word.*"**

- 1 Samuel 3:19,21 (NIV)